

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
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Anje GUPTA *et al.* : Confirmation No. 3865
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U.S. Patent Application No. 10/561,043 : Group Art Unit: 1652
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For: OXIDOREDUCTASE FROM PICHIA CAPSULATA

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

By Official Action mailed November 14, 2007 restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 USC §121:

- I. Claims 1-12, drawn to oxidoreductase comprising SEQ ID NO: 8;
- II. Claim 13, drawn to antibody binds oxidoreductase of Group I;
- III. Claims 14-22 drawn to DNA encoding oxidoreductase of Group I and vector, host cell expressing said DNA; and
- IV. Claims 23-40, drawn to a method of preparing organic compound using oxidoreductase of Group I.

In response, Applicants hereby elect Group I (readable on claims 1-12) for examination in this case, without traverse.

Early examination on the merits is courteously solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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